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Re: Identification Number C00205369

Dear Ms. Phillips:

This letter is in response to your letter to Thomas C. Roberts, Treasurer, Van Ness Feldman, P.C. Political Action Committee ("VNF PAC"), dated February 20, 2003. This letter was prompted by the Federal Election Commission's ("FEC") preliminary review of VNF PAC's 2002-12 day pre-general report. The letter raised questions concerning certain information included in that report.

- 1. According to your letter and attachments thereto, the Commission's preliminary review of VNF PAC's 2002 pre-general report raised questions regarding certain contributions disclosed in that report that appear to reflect payments to VNF PAC's connected organization. Van Ness Feldman, P.C. Due to a clerical error, these contributions were incorrectly disclosed. None of the itemized disbursements disclosed in Schedule B to VNF PAC's 2002 pre-general report were made to the connected organization. Rather, in each case, the contribution was made to the respective candidate committee of the candidate indicated under "Candidate Name." VNF PAC is filling an amendment to its 2002 pre-general report to make the appropriate corrections.
- 2. Your letter and attachments thereto also question the reporting of several contributions from VNF PAC to the Hagel for Senate Committee, including one reported contribution dated September 19, 2002. Specifically, your letter suggests that this contribution appears to have exceeded the FEC's contribution limits with regard to the 2002 general election. Due to a clerical error, this contribution was incorrectly disclosed. Although reported, no contribution actually was made to the Hagel for Senate Committee on September 19, 2002. Therefore, VNF PAC's contributions to Hagel for Senate Committee are properly within the FEC's contribution limits. VNF PAC is filing an amendment to its 2002 pre-general report to make the appropriate correction.

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Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Roberts

Treasurer

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